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Lady Windermere. *I should think they should never be forgiven.*

Lord Darlington. And men? Do you think that there should be the same laws for men as there are for women?

Lady Windermere. Certainly!

Lord Darlington. I think half too simple: to be settled

by these hard and fast rules.

Lady Windermere. If we had "these hard and fast rules," we

should find life much more simple.

Lord Darlington. You allow of no exceptions?

Lady Windermere. None!

Lord Darlington. Ah, what a fascinating Puritan you are, Lady

Windermere!

Lady Windermere. The adjective was unnecessary, Lord

Darlington.

Lord Darlington. I couldn't help it. I can

resist everything

except temptation.

Lady Windermere. You have the modern avocation of walking?

Lord Darlington. [Looking at her] It's only an affectation,

Lady Windermere.

Enter Parker C.

Parker. The Duchess of Berwick and Lady Agatha Carlisle.

Enter the Duchess of Berwick and Lady Agatha Carlisle C.

Duchess of Berwick. [Exit Parker C. Coming down C and shaking hands.]

Dear Margaret, I am so pleased to see you. You remember

Agatha, don't you? [Crossing L C.] How do you do, Lord

Darlington? I won't let you know my daughter, you are

far too wicked.

Lord Darlington. Don't say that, Duchess. As a wicked

I am a complete failure. Why, there are lots of people who

say I have never really done anything wrong in the whole

course of my life. Of course they only say it behind my back.

Duchess of Berwick. Isn't he dreadful? Agatha, this is Lord

Darlington. Mind you don't believe a word he says. {Lord

Darlington crosses R C.} No, no tea, thank you, dear

[Crosses and sits on sofa.] We have just had tea at Lady

Markby's. Such bad tea, too. It was quite undrinkable.

I wasn't at all surprised. Her own son-in-law supplies it.

Agatha is looking forward so much to your ball to night,

dear Margaret.